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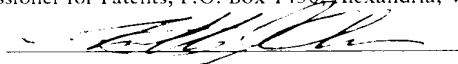
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: McQuade, Francis T.
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Assignee: Wentworth Laboratories, Inc.
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2. ☐ Applicant herein apprises the Patent Office of prior art in a parent U.S. application from which this application obtains the benefit of an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. The Serial Number of the parent application is U.S. Application _____ filed _____ and entitled _____. The publications cited therein are listed on attached Form PTO-1449. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d) copies of the listed publications are not required. ☐ Additional parent patent applications are listed on an attached sheet.
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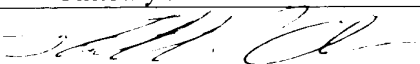
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Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIALS	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE
	4,520,314	05/28/85	Asch et al.	324	158 P	10/8/82
	4,980,638	12/25/90	Dermon et al.	324	158 P	5/26/89
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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					YES	NO
	EP 1120657A1	08/01/01	European Patent Office			X
OTHER DOCUMENTS						
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